Agency Priority Goal | Action Plan | FY 2024 – Quarter 3

Climate Change

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Goal Overview

Problem to Be Solved

The climate crisis profoundly threatens the global economy, national security, global health, food security, and natural ecosystems. To avoid catastrophic damages, we must change the global emissions trajectory to limit global temperature rise to 1.5° Celsius and help hundreds of millions of people adapt to and manage the impacts of climate change.

What Success Looks Like

The United States, working in partnership with host country and international institutions, is a premier global provider of innovation, support, and solutions for emissions reductions and adaptation. Over the next two years, State and USAID will strategically assist partner countries to make major contributions to global efforts to mitigate climate change and adapt to and manage its impacts. This work will harness our diplomatic, development, and technical expertise and that of our partner agencies, and will drive implementation of the Paris Agreement and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) commitments. Specifically, we focus on:

1. Implementing engagement strategies with clearly defined mitigation and/or adaptation objectives.
2. Driving countries to achieve high impact results that reflect significant new progress toward keeping a 1.5°C future within reach and/or strengthened resilience to climate impacts in line with the President's Emergency Plan for Adaptation and Resilience (PREPARE).
3. Supporting countries to develop and prepare to submit in 2025 updated and more ambitious nationally determined contributions (NDCs) in accordance with the Paris Agreement.
4. Enhancing the institutional frameworks and capacity for countries to deliver timely, high quality National Inventory Reports and Biennial Transparency Reports.

Goal Overview

By September 30, 2025, State and USAID aim to combat global climate change by advancing:

- **Strategic Engagement:** The U.S. Government (USG) is actively implementing a climate engagement strategy in 60 countries with clearly defined mitigation and/or adaptation objectives. This builds on extensive work in FY 2022-2023 to increase global engagement and reflects a transition to sustained bilateral engagement with key countries.

- **High Impact Results:** USG diplomatic, technical, or financial support contributes to the achievement of 30 outcomes that reflect significant new progress toward keeping a 1.5°C future within reach and/or strengthened resilience to climate impacts in line with PREPARE. Building on FY 2022-2023 successes in strengthening and establishing new collaboration and implementation of USAID's Climate Strategy, this indicator reflects focus on delivering results through that work.

- **Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs):** USG technical, financial, or diplomatic support to 20 countries contributes to those countries developing and submitting updated and more ambitious NDCs in accordance with the Paris Agreement. As part of the Paris Agreement's five-year cycle, countries are due to submit updated NDCs in 2025.

- **Inventory and Transparency:** USG technical, financial, or diplomatic support contributes to 20 countries enhancing their institutional frameworks and capacity to deliver timely, high-quality National Inventory Reports and Biennial Transparency Reports. We initiated this work with 14 countries in FY 2022-2023 and will build on that progress during this cycle.

Goal Target(s)

	Achievement statement	Key indicator(s)	Quantify progress					Frequency^
	We will…	**Name of indicator** (units in parentheses)	**Start value**	**As of (Date)**	**Target value**	**Current value**	**As of (Date)**	**Update cycle**
1	**Strategic Engagement:** In 60 countries, implement climate engagement strategies with clearly defined mitigation and/or adaptation objectives.	Number of countries in which the USG is actively implementing an engagement strategy with clearly defined mitigation and/or adaptation objectives and appropriate interagency coordination.	0	October 1, 2023	60	63	June 30, 2024	Biannually (6 months)
2	**High Impact Results:** Contribute to the achievement of 30 outcomes that reflect significant new progress toward keeping a 1.5°C future within reach and/or strengthened resilience to climate impacts in line with PREPARE.	Number of high-impact results reflecting significant new progress toward keeping a 1.5°C future within reach and/or strengthened resilience to climate impacts in line with PREPARE.	0	October 1, 2023	30	--	June 30, 2024	Annually (12 months)
3	**NDCs:** Provide support to 20 countries to develop and submit updated and ambitious NDCs in accordance with the Paris Agreement.	Number of countries receiving USG support to develop and submit more ambitious NDCs before UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP) 30.	0	October 1, 2023	20	8	June 30, 2024	Quarterly (3 months)
4	**Inventory and Transparency:** Provide support to 20 countries to enhance their institutional frameworks and capacity to deliver timely, high-quality National Inventory Reports and Biennial Transparency Reports.	Number of countries to which the U.S. provides sustained support for enhanced institutional frameworks and capacity to facilitate delivery of timely, high-quality National Inventory Reports and Biennial Transparency Reports.	14	October 1, 2023	20	16	June 30, 2024	Biannually (6 months)

^State and USAID will report on the biannual measures (Indicators 1 and 4) in Q2 and Q4, and on the annual measure (Indicator 2) in Q4.

Narrative – FY 2024, Quarter 3

Bottom line up front: We remain on track for our overall two-year targets.

- **For Indicator 3**, we are now providing support to eight countries to develop and submit more ambitious NDCs before the 2025 UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP30). In addition, during this quarter, the USG conducted bilateral discussions with more than 50 countries to learn more about their plans for developing NDCs before COP30. This process yielded many valuable insights, including expressions of interest from many countries on where additional support could be useful. We will continue to follow up with these countries in the months ahead and expect the total number of countries receiving USG support to increase.

- **For the FY24 Q3 milestone, "Review of APG communication and reporting processes completed",** the status is in progress. This quarter we continued to review our APG communication and reporting processes and made progress on several tools that will improve these processes, including an internal-facing dashboard of key outcomes and a monthly internal newsletter for officers located internationally. We will continue this work in Q4.

Goal Team

Overall Leadership	Special Presidential Envoy for Climate	USAID Administrator
APG Leads	Senior Director, SPEC	USAID Chief Climate Officer

Washington			In-Country Teams		
State	**USAID**	**Partner Agencies**	**State**	**USAID**	**Partner Agencies**
Senior Lead	Senior Lead		State Embassy staff	USAID Mission staff	Partner Agency staff
Subject Matter, Regional, and Bilat Leads	Regional and Technical Leads	Partner Agency Staff			

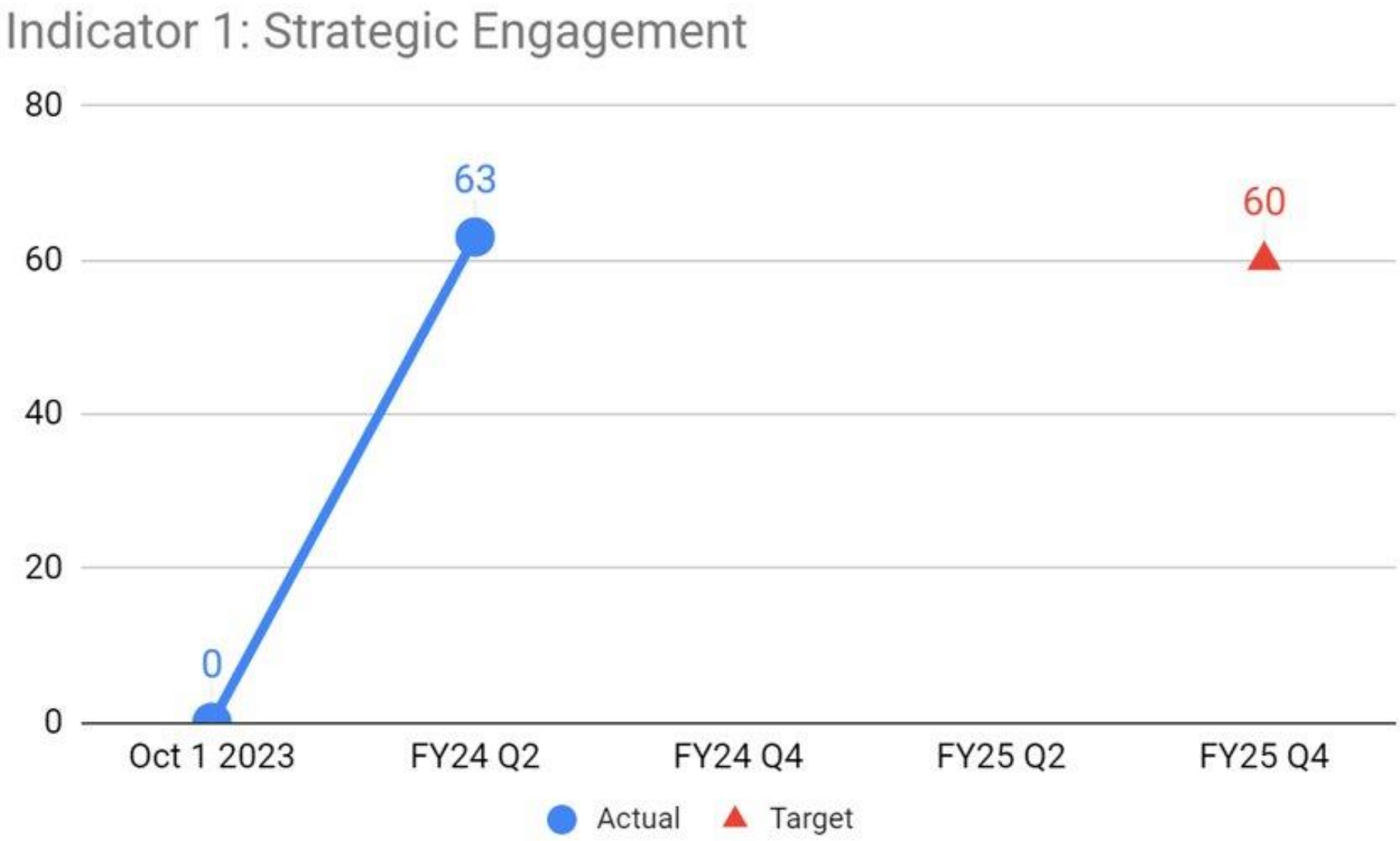
The Department of State and USAID work closely with several partner agencies to implement this APG, including the Department of Energy (DOE), Development Finance Corporation (DFC), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA), the Department of Treasury, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Forest Service (USFS), and the Geological Survey (USGS). Agreements with partner agencies vary, and may include in-kind support, implementation support with funding, and other types of agreements.

Goal Strategies

State and USAID leaders will guide coordinated climate engagement with priority countries that leverages the strength and expertise of each organization. State and USAID will integrate climate change considerations and objectives across foreign policy, development and humanitarian assistance.

- **Strategic Engagement:** State and USAID, in collaboration with other agencies, will review existing climate change engagement strategies and update their mitigation and adaptation objectives, as appropriate. Every six months, State and USAID will document and report on strategies that are being implemented with appropriate interagency coordination. State and USAID will develop and use a climate data hub to facilitate collecting data and reporting.
- **High Impact Results:** State and USAID will support partner countries to achieve tangible outcomes that help them reach their climate mitigation and adaptation targets and that encourage them to increase their climate ambition. After developing illustrative examples of high-impact results, State and USAID will use existing and updated communications and reporting processes (including annual Performance Plan and Reports [PPRs]) to track, document, and report on these results annually.
- **NDCs:** State and USAID will provide diplomatic, financial, and technical support to countries to help them develop, prepare, and submit updated, more ambitious and/or more comprehensive and transparent NDCs in accordance with the Paris Agreement and consistent with scientific recommendations to limit average global warming to no more than 1.5°C above pre-industrial mean temperatures. State and USAID will provide support through foreign assistance programs, multilateral programs, and bilateral programs.
- **Inventory and Transparency:** State and USAID will provide diplomatic, financial, and technical support to countries around the world to develop and improve reporting systems that will facilitate meeting the reporting requirements of the Paris Agreement Enhanced Transparency Framework. State and USAID facilitate building capacity and enhancing systems through multi-country programs like the Transparency Accelerator and tailored bilateral programs.

Key Indicators



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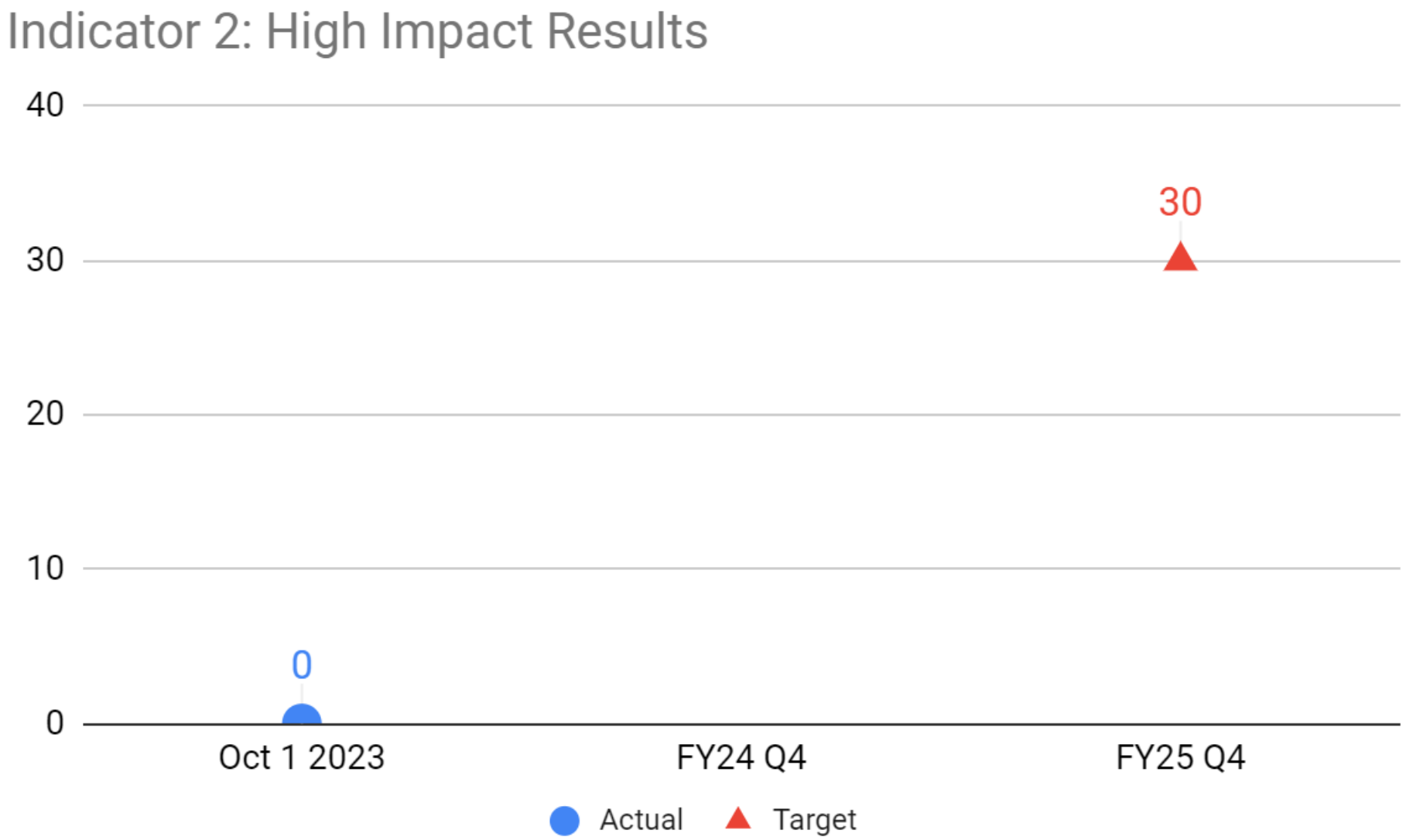

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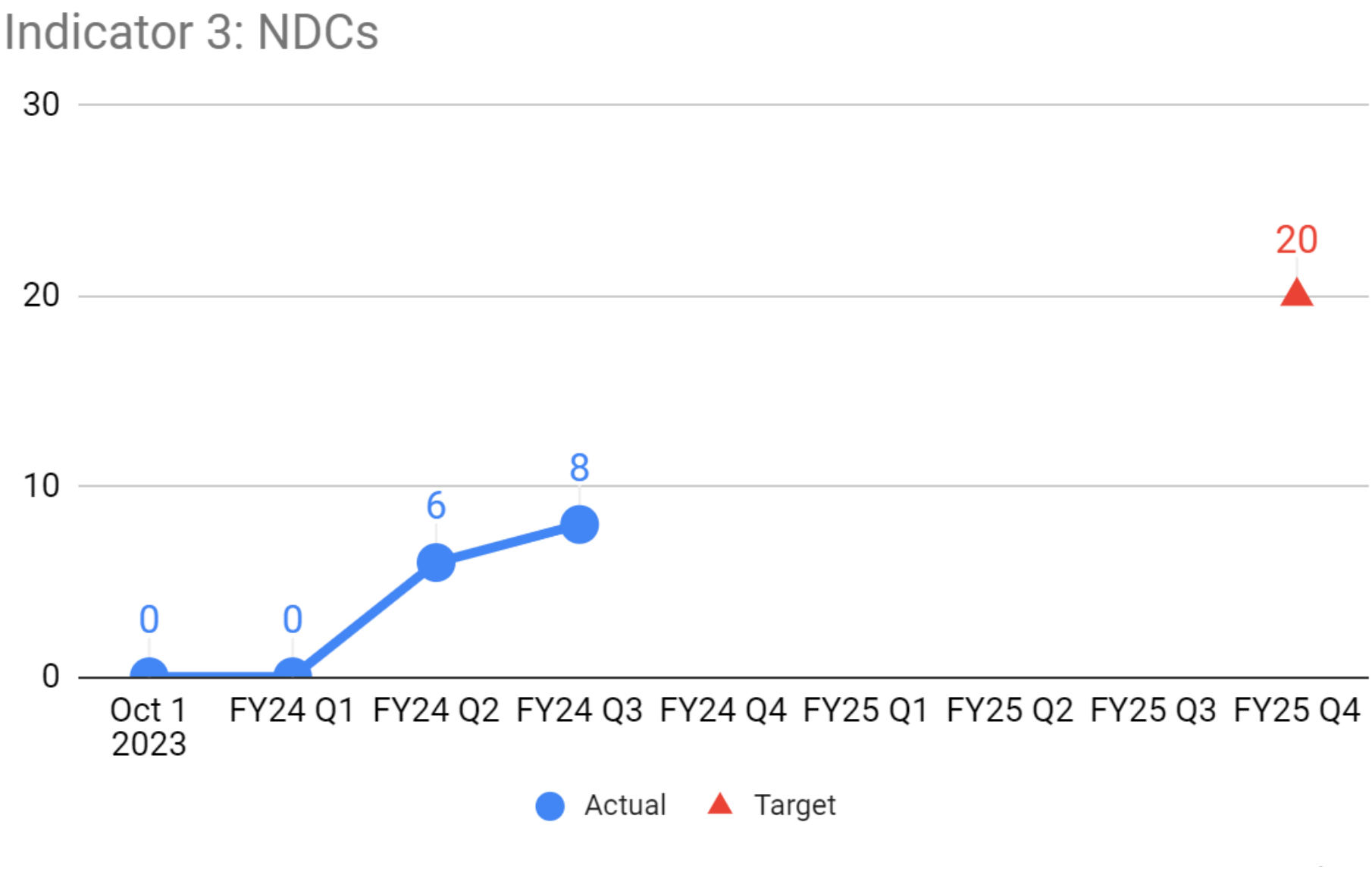

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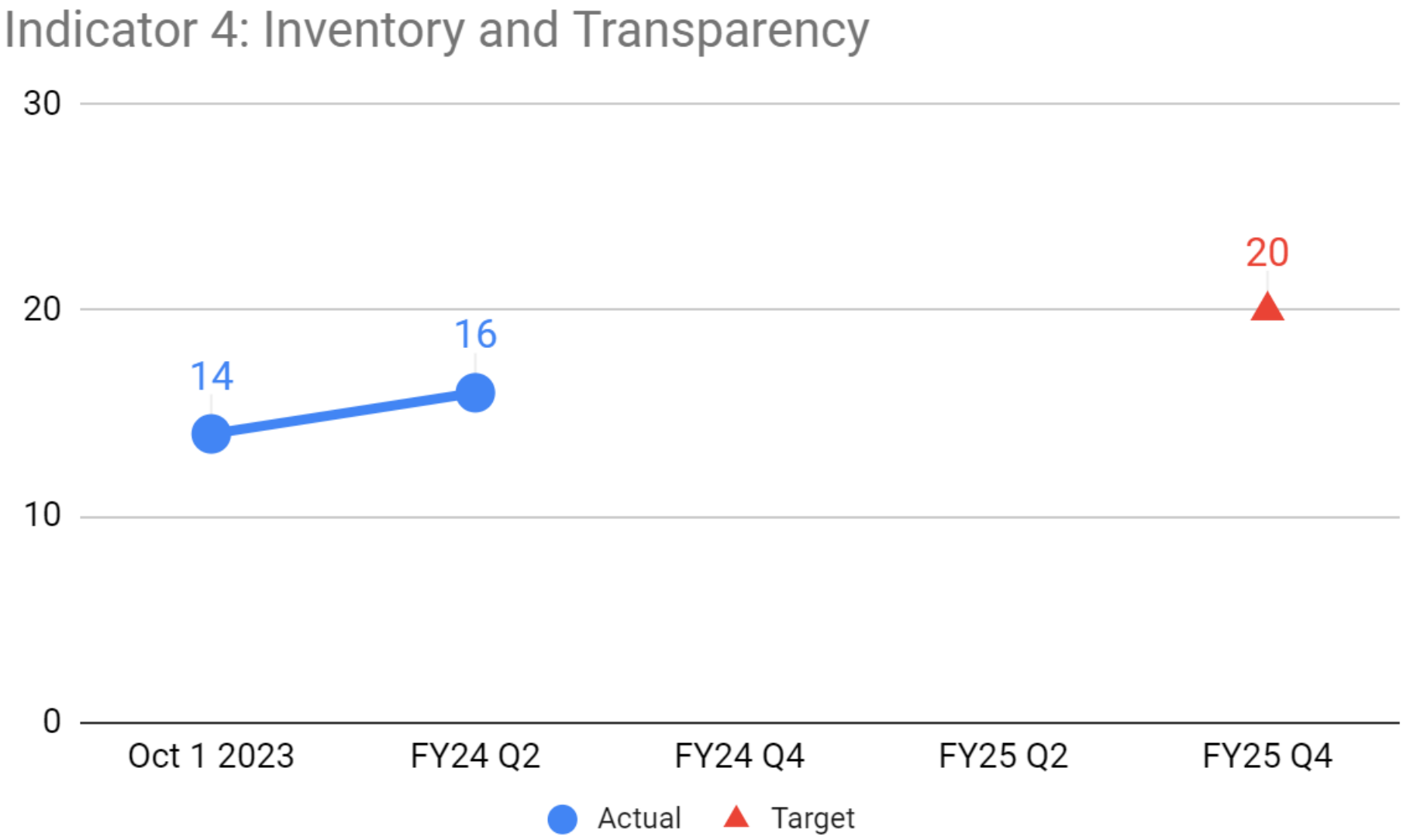

Key Milestones

Milestone Summary				
Key Milestone	**Milestone Due Date**	**Milestone Status**	**Owner**	**Comments**
System for tracking progress for this Agency Priority Goal (APG) and integrating into core policy processes developed	Q1 FY 2024	Complete	State and USAID	In FY24 Q2, we deployed a new system for tracking progress for this APG cycle and integrating into core policy processes, achieving our delayed Q1 milestone.
Review of countries' NDCs status informs next steps in achievement of indicator 3	Q2 FY 2024	Complete	State and USAID	In FY24 Q2, we conducted a review of countries' current NDC status, which has already begun to inform our work on Indicator 3.
Review of APG communication and reporting processes completed	Q3 FY 2024	In Progress	State and USAID	In FY24 Q3, we continued to review APG communication and reporting processes and made initial improvements including data monitoring; this work continues in Q4.
System in place to communicate APG success stories to internal and external audiences	Q4 FY 2024	--	State and USAID	
Review of Year 1 APG progress informs strategy and tactics on indicators 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Year 2	Q1 FY 2025	--	State and USAID	
Review of quantity and quality of Biennial Transparency Report submissions informs future work on indicator 4	Q2 FY 2025	--	State and USAID	
Review of PPR results, including progress on key metrics, informs future work on indicators 1, 2, and 3	Q3 FY 2025	--	State and USAID	
Review and analyze NDCs submissions to inform further work on indicator 3	Q4 FY 2025	--	State and USAID	

Data Accuracy & Reliability

Data Source*	Accuracy	Reliability	Notes
Official Diplomatic Records	High***	High	Official records include cables, Mission and Embassy communications, letters and Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), Operational Plans, and Integrated Country Strategies.
Program Indicator Reports*	High	High	All technical assistance programs report every 6 months on indicators.
Performance Plan and Report (PPR)**	High	High	All technical assistance programs report outcomes into a PPR annually.
Press Releases, Award Announcements, and other Public Commitments	High	High	Published records include press releases, award announcements, Country Development Cooperation Strategies (CDCSs) and Climate Change Annexes and Updates, and other public commitments.
Mission and Embassy Communications	High	High	Internal records include meeting notes, workshop reports, activity terms of reference (TOR), official responses in the USG Country Data Collection & Reporting Tool, and Activity Annual Reports.

*Data for assessing indicators and milestones relates to developing and implementing new or strengthened relationships, and providing diplomatic, technical, and financial support to achieve the stated objectives.

**State and USAID conduct Data Quality Assessments (DQAs) for new performance indicators within 12 months prior to reporting externally on those indicators for the first time and every three years thereafter, or more frequently, if needed.

***High is defined as any data for which State and USAID would say "Yes" on "Reliability" and "Precision" through a DQA.

Climate in USG Strategies and Policy Documents

Executive Order (E.O.) 14008
"Putting the climate crisis at the center of United States foreign policy and national security."

State-USAID Joint Strategic Plan
"Objective 1.2: Secure ambitious climate mitigation and adaptation outcomes, including supporting effective Paris Agreement implementation."

International Climate Finance Plan
Scaling-up U.S. finance, mobilizing private finance, addressing fossil fuel finance, making capital flows consistent with climate, and defining and tracking U.S. finance.

Department Sustainability Plans
Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan, Sustainability Plan, Zero-Emissions Vehicle Fleet Strategic Plan

U.S. National Security Strategy
"Climate change is the existential challenge of our time."

USAID Climate Strategy
Six high-level targets for 2030: 6 billion metric tons CO_2e mitigated, 100 million hectares protected, 500 million people more resilient, $150 billion mobilized, 80 countries supported, and critical populations engaged in 40 countries.

PREPARE Action Plan
Three pillars: (1) Knowledge; (2) Plans & Programs; and (3) Resources.

Country Strategies
Integrated Country Strategies, CDCSs.

E.O. 14057
"It is... the policy of my Administration for the Federal Government to lead by example.." 100% carbon free electricity by 2030; 100% zero emission vehicles by 2035; 100% net-zero emissions buildings by 2045.

State-USAID APG
Strengthen mitigation collaboration with 27 countries, adaptation collaboration with 75 countries, and provide inventory support to 30 countries.

Plan to Conserve Global Forests
Whole-of-government plan to slow, halt, and reverse forest cover and carbon loss. Includes intent to dedicate up to $9 billion by 2030 toward Plan objectives.

State & USAID Learning Agendas
How can State and USAID's tools best address the climate crisis and support adaptation?

E.O. 14013
"Rebuilding and Enhancing Programs to Resettle Refugees and Planning for the Impact of Climate Change on Migration." Included mandate for White House Report on the Impact of Climate Change on Migration.

(not an exhaustive list)